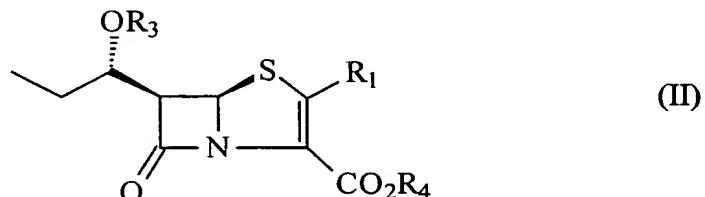


unsubstituted alkenylthio group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkylthio group, a substituted or unsubstituted arylthio group, [a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group,] a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic thio group, a substituted or unsubstituted acylthio group, a mercapto group or a hydrogen atom, and R₂ represents a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl-protecting group; or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof.--

C1
Please cancel Claims 30 and 31.

Claim 32, line 11, replace "carbamonyl" with --carbamoyl--. Please amend Claim 33 as follows:

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--33. (Amended) A compound represented by the following formula (II):



wherein R₁ represents [a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group,] a substituted or unsubstituted alkylthio group, a substituted or unsubstituted *alkenylthio* group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkylthio group, a substituted or unsubstituted arylthio group, [a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group,] a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic thio group, a substituted or unsubstituted acylthio group, a mercapto group or a hydrogen atom, OR₃ represents a protected hydroxyl group and R₄ represents a carboxyl-protecting group.--

Claim 38, line 2, replace "claim 1" with --claim 37--.

Claim 39, line 2, replace "claim 2" with --claim 38--.

In each of Claims 40-52, line 2, replace "claim 3" with --claim 39--.

Claim 53, line 2, change "claim 1" to --claim 37--.

Claims 54-56, line 2 of each, change "claim 17" to --claim 53--.

Claim 57, line 2, change "claim 1" to --claim 37--.

Claims 58-59, line 2 of each, change "claim 21" to --claim 57--.

Claim 60, line 2, change "claim 1" to --claim 37--.

Claims 61-62, line 2 of each, change "claim 24" to --claim 60--.

Claim 63, line 2, change "claim 1" to --claim 37--.

Claims 64-65, line 2 of each, change "claim 27" to --claim 63--.

Claims 66-67, line 2, change "claim 1" to --claim 37--.

Claim 68, line 2, change "claim 1" to --claim 37--;

4th line after the second formula, after "lower alkyl amino" insert --,--.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1 and 33 have been amended by deleting all non-sulfur-containing groups (other than hydrogen) from the definition of R₁. Claims 30 and 31 have been cancelled. Claims 38-68 have been amended by changing the dependency of each claim. Finally, various typographical errors have been corrected.

No new matter has been added by the above amendment. With entry thereof, Claims 1-29, 32-35, and 37-68 will be pending in the application.